

The Greatest Gain

First Sunday After Trinity

Read Matt. 16:24-27

A teacher in an elementary economics class spoke of competing wants. He said "it is considered good economics to deny oneself certain desirable things in order to be able to procure that which is more desirable. A person is all the time compelled to make choices."

In order to have the high privilege of following Jesus it is also necessary to make choices. Jesus says it is necessary to deny self. He speaks of taking up the cross. He speaks of the necessity of giving up life for His sake in order to find life. He shows how poor business it is for the person who risks his soul to gain the world. Those who have ventured that risk have never gained the world though they have lost their souls in the attempt. "What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul?"

It is not real gain to have some advantage by which one can command homage from others. Greatness comes through giving and doing, not by advantage. It is good for us to take stock and check on our selves. What is profit? Is it to gain the world? That was one of the temptations Satan placed before Jesus. It must be a strong one for so many people yield to it. Too late they find it one of Satan's lies. Attempting to gain the world leads to loss of the soul. What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

To be a follower of Jesus it is necessary to deny self. This does not mean that a Christian must give up all pleasure. It does not mean that he must give up everything that he likes. But it does mean that he denies himself anything that would hinder him from living in fellowship with Christ.

So the Christian takes up his cross to follow Jesus. The cross means suffering. All men have suffered more or less in this world. Much of this suffering they have brought on themselves by disobedience to God. Such suffering cannot be considered a cross. But the unpleasantness, the burdens, the suffering that a person brings upon himself in order to be a follower of Jesus and which he could evade by denying his Lord, that is the cross. There is no Christian that does not find some cross to take up. This goes against his old nature. But he is willing because he sees what the gain is.

It has been said that selfishness is the essence of the worldly life. It is necessary to deny this selfishness. Christ "pleased not himself." The Christian should follow Him in this. Paul said, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." He also saw the gain in being "joint heirs with Christ if so be that we suffer with him."

Peter tried the other course once. He tried to save his life by denying His Saviour. He feared the consequences of confessing. His attempt to avoid suffering led him into much greater suffering. Later in life he knew better. Then he was willing to deny himself and confess his Saviour, even when this led him to death on a cross. Then he gained life by being taken into that eternal fellowship with his Lord and Saviour.

When we take up the cross and follow Jesus we take up the suffering and loss that is involved. But it yields such rich returns. "If we suffer with Him we shall also be glorified with Him." "For the son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels and then shall he render to every man according to his deeds." Verse 27. Have you made investments that will show gain on that day?

Pre-Convention Greeting to all Luther Leaguers

(By request of Editor)



JOHN R. GROETTUM
Pastor at Moose Jaw

Greetings to all leaguers in the name of our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ. I wish that I might have the time and the money to attend your League meeting to extend a personal invitation to you to attend our convention in Moose Jaw, July 25-28. Impossible as that is, I use the pages of the Shepherd to invite you. Central Luther Leaguers and congregation will do all that they can to accommodate you. I am hoping that there will not only be a representative from every League, but a car (full of Leaguers) from every congregation. "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it." Luke 11:28.

Yours in Christ,
John R. Groettum.

MISSION WORK IN SOUTH MADAGASCAR

In 1938 we celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the arrival of the first Protestant missionary to settle in the lands of the Tanosy. He began work at Fort Dauphin, and all the other among the Tandroy to the west of stations among the Tanosy, and them, are founded later than 1888. And still people often ask us if we are not finished with telling the gospel to the Malagasy. Can it not be left to the local Christians to do all that is left?

Perhaps you like figures better than history. If you can think "figures" it will help you understand why we are not through yet bringing the story of Jesus to these people. There are some 3,800,000 inhabitants in Madagascar, or one for every three Canadians. There are nearly 350,000 Tandroy and Tanosy, or nearly thirty for every member of the NLCA. And we are usually only about two dozen missionaries or so on the field, counting men and women. Our work is mainly to find and train workers. But it is not easy to find good workers in heathen lands. When you remember missions, pray that there may be many workers and that they may stay faithful to the Lord.

One great handicap in our mission work is that the people cannot read. Only ten per cent, at most, can read. And perhaps only half that many write. So if all members of the NLCC came to Madagascar you would have a class of thirty as your share, each one, and only two or three of your pupils would be able to write. Perhaps this makes you realize why we missionaries are interested in teaching the people to read. We have to interest them so they will want to bother about learning, we have to teach them, or see the native teacher does that right, and we have to try to get

them to buy the Bible and other books so they do not lose the skill of reading. If any of you have ever learned something in school and then never used it, he knows that the algebra or whatever it was, soon disappeared. In the government schools that have been established in some parts all the instruction is in French. This does not make very many able to read Malagasy, unless their parents already have Malagasy books in the home, and since hardly any except government workers have French books, the ability to read French is soon lost. Only those who go on to the higher schools keep up the ability to read French, since there is so little occasion to use it in our part of the island. But for those who know Jesus it is different. They want to continue reading about Him, and so they keep right on knowing their letters and ability to read. That is called being literate.

On the 12th of April of this year I was present at the annual meeting of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature held in New York. At the luncheon which was part of the meeting I sat between Dr. Chester S. Mioa, the Chinese Christian leader who conducted the Bible House in Shanghai during the Japanese occupation, and Dr. E. M. North, the president of the American Bible Society. Dr. Mioa spoke on the literature situation in China, and Dr. North on his trip to South America, and the plans for co-operation between the American and British Bible Societies there. A third speaker at the luncheon part of the meeting was Dr. Gloria Wysner. She spoke of what is done to supply literature in Moslem lands. All this was very interesting and instructive and I hope that many of the ideas mentioned can be put into practice also in Madagascar.

At the main business session, literacy, or how to teach people to read, was the main subject considered. There were reports from China and Latin America, and I told of literacy work in Madagascar. The Streamlined English Lessons by Dr. Frank Laubach were reported on, and his Life of Jesus in simplified English. It gave us a shock to realize that even here we have folks who cannot read, and who need individual encouragement and help. Perhaps there is even someone in your neighborhood like that. Why not try to help him? If you do so prayerfully you may win him for Christ. If you do it for Jesus, and pray for your pupil while you are teaching him, you will win his friendship for Christ.

Here is what Dr. Laubach, who has done so much for adult literacy, says about it: "So teaching illiterates becomes the spearpoint for leading them to Christ. It also opens the Bible. The Bible is now in the language of 95 per cent of the people on earth. But only 40 per cent of the world can read and only 10 per cent of the so-called "non-Christian" world. So the prodigious work of the Bible translators is useless with 60 per cent of the world, with 90 per cent of the "non-Christian" world, until they learn to read. These are the reasons why literacy has become one of the most useful mission methods in such a short time.

Let us remember that we should all have a part in the Christian work. Near Ranomafana mission station there is a river, and the government used to have a ferry and a ferry man there. There was no cable, and when twenty or thirty people crowded on the ferry it was hard to row it over. But when people were in a hurry they would give the ferryman a hand. Perhaps you have just been "riding along

Topics of Interest

TRINITY OF LOVE

"God is love." What a definition of the essence of God! What a description of the blessed relationship that exists between the persons of the God-head--- the Holy Trinity! Jesus, Who revealed God to us said, "The Father loveth the Son", (John 3:35) and also, "I love the Father", (John 14:31). The Holy Spirit glorifies Christ (John 16:14), and sheds the love of God abroad in men's hearts (Rom. 5:5). What a perfect harmony in that sphere of holy love---the Holy Trinity!

"God is love." Write that over all his works. When he created us in His image for communion with Himself; when He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and blameless before Him in love; when He sent Christ to purchase our salvation; when He sent the Holy Spirit to convict us of sin and lead us to the cross, there to partake of His finished salvation; when He daily provides for all our needs; yes, even when He causes us to smart under His chastening rod---it is because He is love.

"God is love." Love works--especially if the object of love is in danger. God works to save man from sin and its awful consequences. After creation we read that God rested. I wonder if He has rested since man's fall. Jesus said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." Can't we sense the divine dynamic in these words, "God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son"? The Son not only worked during the days of His flesh when He said, "I must work the works of Him Who sent me" and finished them at Calvary, but even now, "He ever maketh intercession for us". And the Spirit is constantly at work seeking to reach the wicked heart of perishing men with the redeeming and life-giving grace of Christ. Where He is not hindered or resisted the fruits of love spring forth--love to God and man.

Glory to the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Who is working to bring stubborn and unfortunate man into that blessed fellowship of love of which the Trinity is the perfect model. Let that holy love reshape our broken lives and our shattered world.

—A. K. H.

What Bible Camp Means to Me

Bible Camp, as the name suggests, brings one into closer study of the Bible and it has brought me to see more clearly the good and gracious will of God for His people. Our teachers have helped to show us how very important it is to learn and remember the Scripture verses, that we might first learn to let the Word grow in our own hearts and then let it shine before others. Bible Camp also helps to show me the benefits of being baptized and brought up in a Lutheran Church. Through the study of hymnology, I have discovered how very thankful the Lutheran Church should be for its hymns and for the authors of them. However, the joy of attending a Bible Camp is that one may meet and mingle with fellow Christians.

War is the concentration of all human crimes.—William Ellery.

on the ferry" so long in the work of the church. I am sure your pastor would be very glad, and Christ, too, if more folks would take a hold of the oars and row.

—P. B. Stolee.

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THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL CONVENTION

In the early sessions of this great convention it was evident that the attendance would reach an all time high. Leaving the convention Tuesday noon we have not the final figures, but the total at the last report was 2,002 registered including the Advisory Members. At the same time as the General Church Convention was in session the women met for their great meeting. At the W. M. F. Convention, too, the crowds taxed the capacity of the church where the convention was held.

We shall mention only a few of the important decisions made at the Church convention. For a long time it has been felt that the general budget should be increased. The Board of Review made a recommendation that the general budget be increased from \$1,005,000.00 to \$1,300,000.00. Since the church has annually raised this amount and more, and since the church has grown materially since the former figure was set, the delegates and pastors voted for the increase. The result of the vote was 298 against the increase, and 672 in favor of it. We believe that it will not be difficult for Canada District to meet its new apportionment.

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The change of name of our church came up for decision. The main auditorium was filled and every seat in the gallery. There was a tense expectancy. Since the matter was discussed at the convention two years ago, and since there has been considerable writing in the church papers and otherwise, the motion was made that the vote be taken without discussion. This carried with over two-thirds majority. The vote was then taken and the result was total votes cast 1,658. For the change 1,256. Against 402. The constitution was then changed to read "The Evangelical Lutheran Church".

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The distribution of the Centennial Surplus was also a matter of great interest. Luther Seminary, Saint Paul, Minnesota received \$300,000.00 and Luther Seminary, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan received \$80,000.00 in American money. The balance of the surplus was divided between Pensions, Home and Foreign Missions, Parish Education, Radio and Publicity, and Department of Education.

It is a cause for much gratitude that our Seminary in Canada received this amount. This will make possible a new building, and perhaps in addition a residence for a Seminary Professor.

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At this time it is not possible to mention the many important decisions of the convention. Those who attended this convention noted that our church is marching forward to greater endeavors. Canada District was very well represented and shared in the blessing and inspiration in this great gathering of the Church.

The Church is a workshop for wide awake Christians, not a dormitory for sleepers.



CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AT MOOSE JAW, SASK.

This church will be the convention headquarters for Luther Leaguers from all over Canada District when they assemble July 25-28.

THE CANADA DISTRICT YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION

MOOSE JAW, Saskatchewan, July 25-28, 1946

Convention Hosts: Central Lutheran Church, J. R. Groettum, Pastor.
Convention Theme: "CHRIST WANTS YOU"
Convention Text: 1 Tim. 2:4

THURSDAY

- 2.00 p.m.—Registration.
- 4.00 p.m.—Song and prayer service, led by Pastor A. Tveit, Preeceville, and Arnold Hagen, Hagen, Sask.
- 7.30 p.m.—Preliminary business.
Report on evangelistic program—Pastor M. B. Odland.
Offering for evangelistic work.
"CHRIST WANTS YOU TO BE SAVED"—Evangelist S. Fauske.
Music supplied by Moose Jaw Circuit.

FRIDAY

- 9.30 a.m.—Bible study, "The Lost Sheep," Pastor A. M. Vinge.
- 10.00 a.m.—Message, Missionary P. B. Stolee.
- 10.20 a.m.—"CHRIST WANTS YOU TO LISTEN TO HIM"
Leader, Pastor Henry Haugen, Claresholm, Alta.
(a) Church worship, Gladys Jothan, Estevan, Sask.
(b) Luther League, Lars Hesje, Crooked River, Sask.
(c) Build active Leagues, Lawrence Likness, Tofield, Alta.
(d) In Stewardship Education, Julian Weiseth, Scotsguard, Sask.
(e) In Temperance Education, Sidney Nelson, Naicam, Sask.
Music supplied by the Saskatoon Circuit.
- 2 p.m.—Bible study, "Prayer in the Early Church," Pastor Anders Mathre, Dawson Creek, B.C.
- 2.30 p.m.—"CHRIST WANTS YOU TO TALK TO HIM"
Leader, Pastor Leonard McFarlane, Langham, Sask.
(a) Individual Prayer Closet, Albert Olafson, Rolling Hills, Alta.
(b) Fellowship in Prayer, Doris Eide, LaGlace, Alta.
(c) Prayer Projects for Luther Leaguers, Norma Lyseng, Camrose, Alta.
Discussion.
Message, Missionary P. B. Stolee.
- 3.30 p.m.—Prayer session, led by Alfred Tysseland, Eastend, Sask.
Music supplied by Swift Current Circuit.
- 7.30 p.m.—Mission Film.
Message, Missionary Candidate Joyce Bergh, Bowden, Alta.
Offering for missions.
"CHRIST WANTS YOU TO LIVE FOR HIM," Evangelist S. Fauske.
Music supplied by Prince Albert Circuit.

SATURDAY

- 9.30 a.m.—Bible Study, "The Lost Piece of Silver," Pastor A. M. Vinge.
- 10.00 a.m.—Canada District YPLL Business Session.
Music supplied by Yorkton Circuit.
- 2.00 p.m.—Bible Study, "The Prodigal Son," Pastor A. M. Vinge.
- 2.30 p.m.—Message, Missionary P. B. Stolee.
Unfinished business.
Open Forum Discussion.
Music supplied by Southern Alberta Circuit.
- Late afternoon, P. T. L. Outing.
- 7.30 p.m.—Report on Parish Work, Margaret Braathen, Winnipeg, Man.
Offering for "Faith in Action" Project.
"CHRIST WANTS YOU TO WORK FOR HIM," Evangelist S. Fauske.
Testimonies.
Music supplied by Camrose Circuit.

SUNDAY

- 9.30 a.m.—Convention Communion Service.
Liturgist, Pastor J. R. Groettum.
Confessional Address, Pastor H. W. Melby, Melville, Sask.
- 11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship: Sermon, Pastor Mars A. Dale, President NLCC.
Convention offering.
- 2.00 p.m.—Choral Union Concert.
"Pray Ye Therefore the Lord of the Harvest," Pastor Dale.
Installation of Officers.
Choral Union Offering.
- 7.30 p.m.—"CHRIST WANTS YOU TO BE WITH HIM IN HEAVEN FOREVER,"
Evangelist S. Fauske.
Testimonies.
Music supplied by Edmonton and Peace River Circuits.
Closing of convention.

CORRECTION

In our last issue, under "L.W.A. Offerings," we reported that Valhalla Church had donated \$12.00. This should have been \$212.00. We regret this error and offer our apologies.

MARANATA!

Jeg har ofte tenkt paa vers 29-30, i Markus 10: "Jesus svarede og sagde: "Sandelig siger jeg eder; "Der er ingen, som har forladt Hus, eller Brødre, eller Søstre, eller Moder, eller Fader, eller Børn, eller Agre, for

Min Skyld, og for Evangeliet's Skyld, uden at han skal faa hundredfold igjen, nu, her, i tiden, Hus og Brødre, og Søstre og Mødre, og Børn og Agre, med Forfølgelse, og, i den kommende Verden, Evigt Liv".

Ja, vi takker Gud, for at Han er Den Samme, igaar, idag, og til Evig Tid!—Heb. 13:8.

Een av disse mange, som jeg fandt at være som en Mor imod mig, paa Livet's Vei, var Mrs. Halvdan Rust, av Hagen, Sask., som, i sit 78nde Aar, paa Januar 25, 1946, fik flytte Hjem, til "Fader-huset, med de mange Verelser"! Hun var av "disse Stille, i Landet", som lod sit Lys skinne, "for all som var i Huset!" At fortelle om hendes fromme Fard, i Hjem og Menighed, og om hendes gode Gjeringer, mod Slegt og Venner, og Herren's Tjenere, vil optage for mange spalter; men, Herren, som opregner, endog, vore Hoved-haar, (Lukas 12:7), har dem, nok alle, nedskrevne!

Naar disse, vore Kjære, vandrer bort, faar vi ofte hørt sagt, som min veninde Hansine forleden skrev, naar hun netop havde faaet Bud, at hendes Far i Norge, som hun havde haabet at besøge tilsommers, nu var død: "Jeg synes aldrig, jeg har følt Far saa nær mig, som efter han er død; det er bare ett Skritt fra mig, til Far"! Jo, vi "kjender det nok paa os," mangen en gang, at den "Sky av Vidner", som Heb. 12:1 taler om, ikke er langt borte!

Mrs. Rust havde en Yndlings-sang; "Rekk mig, O Jesus, Din Reddende Haand, som jeg fandt, i "Sangboken" som Evangelist Sathre, og Husstru, av Norge, forer mig, saa mange aar tilbage! Denne Sang blev til trøst for Mrs. Rust, endog i hendes siste stund, og har veret til Velsignelse for mange; derfor haaber vi at "Hyrden" vil trykke den!

Ligesom Peter, paa det bølgende Hav (Matt. 14: 25-32) fandt de Jesu reddens Haand, i det avgjørende Øieblikk, maate vi, som staar i fare for at blive red, naar vi ser paa de urolige Bølger paa Verden's Havet, i vore dager, huske, at "Herren en ner, hos alle dem, som kalder paa Ham, i Sandhed"; (Sal. 145:18). "Idag er Naaden's Dag; Idag er Gud at finde!"

M. H. L.

"RAKK MIG, O JESUS, DIN HJELPENDE HAAND"

(Nr. 258—"Sangboken")

Rekk mig, O Jesus, Din hjelpende Haand, naar jeg er trett, paa min Vei!

Styrk Du min bange og tvilende Aand; slipp mig, da ikke, O Nei! Ler mig, aa villig ditt Erende gaa, hvorhelst i Striden Du vil jeg skal staa

Saken er Din, og jeg er kun Dit Rør; Lønner jeg faar, naar jeg dør!

Ler mig aa synge om Frelseren's Saar; ja, naar det gaar mig imod! Da, nar kun Jesus min Sang her forstaar, har jeg min Trøst i Hans Blod!

Og, naar Du giver mig, det som Du vil, ler mig, ved Korset at holde mig still

Der vil jeg vaake og vente paa Bud, til jeg faar Hjemlov av Gud!

Da skal jeg synge om Lammet og Gud; selv gjennom Taarerne her! Jesus, jeg er dog, Din dyrkjøbt Brud; og, snart saa kommer jeg, der!

Aldrig jeg da, skulde angre den strid, som, her paa Jorden jeg hadde en Tid!

Nei, da med Krone, blandt Frelste jeg staar, Hjemme, i Evigheds Aar!

Snart er jeg Hjemme, blandt Englenes Kor; hvor intet trykker mig mer!

Hjemme, der Hjemme, hvor Frelseren bor, gjenløste Venner, jeg ser! Veien maa falle besvart og trang; Kampen for Kronen bli kort eller lang;

Seire jeg Skal, dog, i Frelseren's Blod; AA, om jeg Hjemme, der stod!

A. O. Svorkmo.

Hyrden

JEG ER DØREN TIL FAARENE.—Joh. 10:7

Wadena, Sask.,

Andet Nr. i Juni, 1946.

Et Udelt Hjerte

2 Søndag etter Trefoldighet—Lukas
9:51-62

Med overveldende klarhet viser de tre disippelhistorier som fortelles i dette evangelium at Jesus krever en helhjertet hengivelse av dem som vil høre ham til. Ellers jan han ikke opna sin frelsende hensikt med oss. Kristus maa opta oss som ingen annen. Ikke noe menneske maa faa stille seg imellom ham og oss og skygge for ham. Kristi rikssak skal eie vaare dypeste interesser. Hans erender skal gaa foran alle andre. Som kjælightetens konge skal sitte paa tronen i vaare hjerter. Hvor han gaar foran og viser oss vei, skal vi følge.

Det var et strengt krav Jesus gjorde paa de som ville følge ham. Med et udelt hjerte maate det skje. De to siste disippelhistorier taler sitt sterke språk om det. Kristi strenghet synes aa grense til hensynsløshet. Var det ikke sømmelig og en plikt aa være med i sin fars begravelse eller aa si farvel til dem derhjemme, før en ga seg i Jesu følge? Men naar Jesus synes hensynsløs er han igrunnen hensynsfull. For han har den sanne, den dype omsorg for sjelene. Jesus er sjelelegen som ofte maa bruke kniven. Han forstod at de to menn stod ved en avgjørende krise i sine liv. Det maate skje naa, dersom de for alvaar skulle følge Jesus. Gikk de tilbake til sin familie paa dette tidspunkt, ville de aldri vende tilbake til Jesus. Dette var deres store høve. Jesus og hans sak først.

Var en slik helhjertet kristendom som Jesus krever almindelig, ville Kristi kirke ha en veldig innflytelse. Og de som staar utenfor ville vinnes for Jesus i langt større tall enn idag. Venn, er du en hindring for Kristus? Er ditt hjerte delt slik at du ikke evner aa vinne andre for ham? Det delte hjerte hos hans disipler er kristendommens alvaarligste hindring.

Er vi som kaller oss kristne en enig flokk, som freidig løfter korsets fane og ved hans makt trenger fram i Jesu fotefar? "Ingen som legger sin haand paa ploegen og ser tilbake, er skikket for Guds rike." Netop det er vaar fare: under vaart arbeid i Herrens tjeneste aa se oss tilbake eller skjele til siden, fordi vi ikke vil gi slip paa vaare egenkjælige og verdslige interesser.

Det er forstemmende at vi hos kristne merker sideblikk til egen ros og ære. Og har vi ikke aarsak til aa gripe i vaar egen barm? Hadde vi vært mere besjelet av en hellig iver for Kristi sak, ville vi ha sluppet de smaalige stridigheter mellom kristne. Og slik strid mellom kristne, der det ikke kjempes for en stor sak med blanke vaapen, men for egenkjærlige maal, gjør langt større skade enn mange tror.

Evangeliet sier oss at Jesus liv paa jorden ikke var makelig og komfortabelt, men anstrengende og prøvende ogsaa i det ytre. Han som var Faderens enbaarne, var hjemløs, en fattig vandringsmann. Kan vi da som kristne se det som en hovedsak aa leve et liv i nytelser og velvære og ofre saa lite som vi gjør for vaar Frel-sers sak? Det er en tidssykdom som ingen som kaller seg en kristen maa smittes av: aa jage etter et liv i nytelse med umettelig begjær. Er du en kristen saa er du en pilgrim paa veien mot et bedre land. Og da ser du paa dine jordiske eiendele og goder som et laan fra Gud som du bruker i hans navn.

Den lægedom som vaar tid trenger er først og framst en kristendom som gjør alvaar av aa søke Guds rike og hans rettferdighet først. Og lar alt annet bli underordnet den store hov-

TIL HYRDENS LESERE

Det har gledet os nu i mange aar at ta imod Hyrden, da den bringer meget god lesning og gir os et overblik om arbeidet i Canada.

Det vilde være et stort tap, om dette blad skulde maatte slutte paa grund av støtte. Vi er forvisset om vore gode lutherske folk der ute vil slaa sig sammen og gi bladet den støtte det trenger.

Vi tilbragte 10 aar der ute og det arbeide som vi fik lov til at være med at begyndte har vokset og det gleder os altid naar vi ser noe i Hyrden fra de steder hvor vi var med i arbeidet i den tid vi var i Canada.

Vor lutherske kirke i Canada har en noksaa lovende fremtid for sig.

Skolerne i Camrose og Outlook gjør et velsignet arbeide og ikke at forglemme vor presteskole i Saskatoon.

Saa ønsker vi eder til lykke med gjerningen. Indlagt find 5.00 til hjelp for bladet.

Pastor og Mrs. S. H. Njaa,
Northwood, N. Dak.

Herr redaktør!

Vi vilde være Dem meget takknemlig om De vilde være vennlig aa finne plass i Deres ærede blads tekst for vedlagte efterlysninger efter noen som er savnet av sine paarørende.

Ærbødigst,
N. E. ANTONSEN,
sekretær.

Adam E. Nelson, født i 1862 i Dahlen, Sverige, sist hjemme i Norge i 1907 og reiste tilbake med "Ambrosia" gift med en katolsk dame, antagelig bosatt i San Francisco, var forretningsmann og eier av en gullgrube i Alaska, søkes.

Ingeborg Bidenkap og hennes barn ettersøkes i Chicago, U.S.A. av slektninger i Norge. Hun har tre barn, Louis, Lillian og Herbert Bidenkap—de er mellom 45-56 aar.

Ludvig Johan Jensen, ca. 60 aar gammel, født utenfor Bergen, Norge, var murer av profesjon, søkes.

Olav E. Kallaak, ca. 70 aar gammel, født i Kviteseid, Norge, sist kjendte adresse i 1920: Redwin, Minnesota, var bygningssnekker, gikk meget paa Frelsesarmeens møter i Redwin, søkes.

Dagmar Otelie Ingebrigtsen Svane, født i Alta den 24/4 1896 av foreldre Ole og Eva Ingebrigtsen, sist hørt fra for ca. 6 aar siden og hennes mann Sigurd Svane var da pedell paa en stor gaard i nærheten av New York, søkes.

Thomas Carl Cupid, f. 20/11-1881 i Posen, hjemsted Chicago. Foreldrenes navn er Adalbert Kupiec og Marianne f. Wolna. ettersøkte var grubeingeniør. I de senere aar var han forretningsmann. Hans siste adresse som søkeren har paa ett visittkort er Thomas Cupid, HOSIERY, connected with Kum-Back Shoe Store 1167 W. Madison St., Chicago.

Enevold Enersen, født Karlsen, født i Eugene i Fet den 11/7, 1877, reiste fra Oslo til Amerika, sist hørt fra i 1902 og var da i N. Ohio, U.S.A.

Jorgen Martin Isaksen, alias Carl-sen, født i Kristiansand, ca. juni 1861 av foreldre Carl og Asgerd Isaksen, Oppholdt seg i 1895 i Boston, søkes. Mulige opplysninger bes vennligst sendt til Frelsesarmeens Eftersøkel-seskonton, Pilestredet 22, Oslo, Norge.

edsak. Venn, er din bønn om og din alvaarlige trang til aa bli en slik kristen? En som følger etter Jesus med et udelt hjerte?

H. Arnholt Strand.

GODE NORDMENN!

Guds fred og glede ynskjer gamle mor Norge dykk alle!

Takk for alle gonger de har kome dykkar folk og fedreland i hug i bøn, gjennom alle desse aar! Me som har gaatt her heime, har titt merka denne usynlege faderhaand. Den bevarte oss so mang eingong. Og gjennom nød og trengsel og fengsel og slag og saar var den kjærlige faderhaand nær tilstede. Den kom med trøst og kraft og haap, og alt me trengde. Og naar sisste slagi slo, var den same faderhaand der og henta dei kjempande sjelene heim til kvila i Kristus. Der fekk dei kvila fraa kamp og strid.

No er det landsfred i Norge. Det dystre og tunge har maatta vike, men nordmenn, **slutt ikkje aa be for mor Norge! Mor Norge treng di bøn som aldri før. Mor Norge treng vekkelse fraa Gud!**

Det gaar so mange søner og døtre her heime, som midt i gleda over landsfreden, har eit sviande saar i sitt sinn. Mange miste trui gjennom brotningane. Livshavets stormar var so stride og sjøane slo over baaten. Dei følte seg gløymde og tapte og gav opp. Dei ser det gjerne no etterpaa, men trui er lettare aa miste enn aa vinne att. Ein slik trøytt vandrar skreiv nyleg og sa til ein truande:

"Til deg maa eg si: Kjemp for aa bevare troen! Naar alt kommer til alt er det ogsaa mitt ønske aa finne tilbake til Ham, som er fra evighet og blir til evighet!"

Føler du kor djupe desse ord er—det er ei sjel i nød. Aa, landsmenn, det er mange her heime som livet fell tungt for. Det som miste det som var dei kjært. Og ikkje aa forgløyme dei der nord, som miste alt, hus og heim, bygd og kyrkja, alt laag i ruiner daa dei vendte heim. Ja, mangt ligg slik idag og. Mange miste far, mor, bror, syster eller born og kjenningar gjennom forfølingi. Og tross alle tunge tap dreg tufti der nord. Alle lengta dei etter aa ta fatt paa ny; men ofte er hendene tome. Dei har mista alt og kva forsler det vesle me har faatt gitt. Det er visst so faa, om der er nokon, som har faatt det dei treng for aa dela gleda med oss andre.

Det var lite her sør og eingong; men det besnar no fraa dag til dag. Gavene fraa dykk "derover" strøymmer inn over postkontora til slekt og vener. Men uvilkaarleg gaar tankane nordover! Gi pakkestrøyminga var like stor ja gjerne større der nord. Der er so mange ukjende navn. So mange einsame og motlause. Livsmotet svikta so lett daa motgangane vart so store. Alt vart so tungt og trui paa Gud vilde svikte. Aa kjære dykk, kom dette serskilt i hug i bøn. Be Gud om aa styrke dei i striden og hjelpe dei aa halde motet oppe, tross alt! Be so for oss alle at Gud maa forene oss som greinene paa vintreet, og at me alle maa bli eit i Kristus.

Maatte Norge bli Guds mor Norge, daa kunde me ha haap om aa faa eige freden ei tid!

Maa so Gud signe dykk alle! Takk for kvar gong du har kome ditt folk og fedreland i hug! Gud løner dykk alle att for alt! Han ser og kjenner kvar bøn og ærleg gjerning, Han høyrer bøn og styrar alt til det beste. La oss sette kvar andre stevne der hjaa Gud so me faar samlast der til-

Syndenes Forlatelse

Alene ved troen paa Jesus kan vi bli rettferdige. Der finnes ingen rettferdig, alle er avvekne. Naar vi taper Kristus av syne og i eget strev forsøker aa forbedre oss med gode gjerninger for derved aa forsone Gud, da er vi kommet inn paa villfarelsens vei. Luther sier: "Men hvad vi har, det er alt sammen druknet i synd. Alt hvad vi er i vaar vilje, det er ondt, og alt hvad der er i vaar forstand, det er idel fillfarelse og blindhet. Derfor har mennesket i guddommelig hen-seende intet annet enn mørke, villfarelse, ondskap; en ond, forventd vilje og uforstandighet, hvorledes kunde vi gjøre godt, elske Gud o.s.v." Vi er aldeles fortapte, maa ogsaa frelses som fortapte. Det har Kristus fullført for oss idet han døde for alle, derfor er alle døde. Han ordnet forliket med slekten i sin sønns død paa korset. Betalingen er er lagt ved Jesu død og blod, alt er ordnet, bare at vi tar imot og griper Kristus, da har vi ogsaa syndenes forlatelse, rettferdighet og evig liv. Han har gitt sig selv for oss, ikke alene for aa forløse oss fra synden og døden, men ogsaa for aa forhverve oss rettferdighet og liv. Saa lenge som vi med vaar synd og usseldom og armod flyr til Kristus og bekjenner vaare synder, har vi syndenes forlatelse og Kristi rettferdighet.

"Det er ingen fordømmelse for dem som er i Jesus Kristus." Kristus er den eneste frelsesgrunn. Saa lenge vi stoler paa vaar omvendelse, anger og bønn og vaar forbedring o.s.v., bygger vi ikke paa Kristus. Hemmeligheten er at vi kommer til Kristus saadan som vi er. Og slik com vi er helt igjen-nem, er vi fortapt. Han gir en hel og full syndenes forlatelse. Ja, la oss komme hver dag og renses i Jesu Kristi, Guds sønns blod.

Hvo vil mig fordømme,
Jesu blodestrømme,
senker jeg mig i,
Gud for alle riker,
dømmer selv og sier,
denne han er fri,
han er todd i lammets blod,
satan, synd og død maa rømme:
hvo vil mig fordømme.

Th. Øyhus Revling.

Alene i haap til Gud!

Alene i haap til Gud er min sjel stille. Fra ham kommer min frelse. Salm. 62, 1.

I tillit til Gud kan den sjel som har sat himmelen som maal, være stille eg rolig, selv gjennom den værste storm.

Ved Jesu kors faar vi legge fra os vor syndebyrde. Jesus alene vet hvad sjelen trenger. Bare Jesus alene staar igjen naar alt paa jord svikter. Stille i haapet om herlighet hjemme holder motet oppe, hvad end der møter os paa vandringen mot himmelen.

Ved Jesu kors lærer vi at se op og bort fra jordens mange plager. Om vi stundom maa synge: "Kan jeg vel naa det skjønn land, som snubler gang paa gang," saa har vi av Jesus faat et haap som ikke skal briste, selv i dødens time. Jesus lever! Hans navn bestaar om alle andre forgaar. Han har kjøpt os med sit dyre blod. Stol paa din frelser, om livet blir tungt og sjelen ofte sukker: Hvor lenge, Herre Jesus! Det er bare en kort liten stund. Snart er vi hjemme og staar for tro-nen, hvad gjør det da om solen har os brent?

Naar hytten falder, saa faar vi kronen og alt elende er saa dermed endt.

—Sigurd Gaasland.

sisst, for aldri aa skiljast meir!

Venleg helsing med 1 Kor. 15:58.

Marta Tærum,

Bergheim, Hallingdal, Norway.

Brev til Mrs. P. Mjølid, Leinan, Sask.

THE NEW SUNSET HOME

For many years the members of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of Canada have been looking forward to the time when they would be able to build a new Sunset Home. The present home at Bawlf, Alta., is inadequate in every respect. It is small, unhandy, and is not arranged so as to give the old people the greatest amount of comfort or convenience. Possibly one of the most serious drawbacks, is the fact that it is an old building, not fireproof, and we can be very grateful that the Lord has spared us any serious mishap in all these years. The institution at Bawlf has served the church well, and the day has come when that service should be rewarded by providing more modern accommodations.

Our church people have a great deal of love for Bethany Sunset Home and for the fine work that this institution has done in the matter of caring for our aged. We are sure that they will want to give generous help in order to make it possible for this institution to do better work and give better help in the future. By providing the necessary funds, you will make it possible for Bethany Sunset Home to care adequately and respectfully for the pioneers of our Church in Canada, during the sunset years of their life. Whether this can best be done by providing two homes, will be determined by your interest and support, and by vote of the special meeting of the district to be held this summer. No doubt, the day is fast arriving when our Church will need a Home in each province in order to be able to care adequately for our older people. Now is the time to plan for that future so that it will be possible for Bethany Sunset Home to meet these needs when they arise. Wise planning now will bring blessings to our Church in the next generation.

At the district convention in Saskatoon a year ago, the members of the district authorized the erection of a new building for the Sunset Home, and gave authority to the Board of Charities to select the location, proceed with the raising of the necessary funds, and employ an architect and contractor to carry the project through.

One of the factors which entered into the selection of a location was the matter of tax exemption. Upon investigation it appeared that the city of Saskatoon offered the most favorable consideration of this matter, and the board was able to secure a very fine piece of property there. This property was purchased and tax exemption has been granted by legislative act.

All that remains now is to gather the necessary funds. And it appears to be desirable to gather sufficient funds so that another building may be erected in Alberta, too, when it becomes possible to gain tax exemption and the like there. With the support of all the people in the district, it should be possible to gather sufficient funds so that all the older people who desire it, may be provided for in years to come. We hope that your support of this project will be so generous that it will not be necessary to conduct another such appeal in a year or two. Let's over-subscribe our goal now so that there will be no question as to what we will be able to do for our honored pioneers.

The drive for funds will begin as soon after the General Convention as possible. Directors have been secured and the drive will be carried on circuit by circuit. Give this matter careful and prayerful thought, and be prepared to give generously when the canvass is conducted in your congregation. The pioneers of our Church deserve the best that we can do for them.

I don't think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday.—Abraham Lincoln.

On to Moose Jaw This Summer

Leaguers over the entire district are showing real interest in the plans for our District Luther League Convention to be held at Moose Jaw, July 25-28 this summer. It will be an important convention in the steadily growing work of our district Luther League. The challenging theme "Christ Wants You" will be used mightily by God. We are especially fortunate to be able to have Evangelist Fauske with us, our International Luther League evangelist. Leaguers everywhere, begin planning and praying for this convention now! Watch for further announcements from local, circuit and district officers. See posters in your Church. Get detailed information from your local Luther League president.

—G. L.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

One of the richest rewards of a district president is the privilege of attending once a year the annual meeting of the International YPLL board, which was held this year, May 15-17, at Minneapolis. The board began its meeting in the spirit of thanksgiving and prayer, and that spirit pervaded every session. It augurs well for the future of our young people's work that we have at its head, leaders who humbly acknowledge their dependence upon God, and seek His guidance in all their deliberations.

One of the matters discussed at length was the International YPLL convention to be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 25-29, 1947. It is expected that a delegation of 3,000 will be present then. Certainly some of our Canadian leaguers will begin making plans now to attend. There they, together with all the others who are present, will be faced in a powerful way with the theme for the year 1947, "You Need Jesus Christ." What a message there is in this theme. The board is confident that it will be used as mightily of God as has been this year's theme, "Christ Wants You." Let us begin even now to pray for a rich outpouring of God's blessings on our 1947 convention.

Financially the past year was very successful, in that there was received more than \$6,000 over expenses. It is for me both joyful and embarrassing to report that the board decided to give \$1,000 of this reserve to S.L.B.I.—joyful because the school is in need of financial assistance—embarrassing because of my membership on the board. Let me hasten to add that neither year have I been a member of the committee on finances that brought in this recommendation. It is my prayer that all our leaguers will rejoice with S.L.B.I. in this support from the YPLL.

The board made definite plans to carry out a church-wide series of Workers' Conferences this fall in the period October 6-20. The schedule for the series of conferences in our district will be planned at the time of our convention in Moose Jaw, July 25-28.

Plans for our convention are going forward. It is imperative that delegates and visitors notify the lodging committee well in advance of their coming. Address your letters to Miss Grace Burton, 624 1st N.W., Moose Jaw, Sask. Come in the spirit of prayer. Then shall we have a blessed convention.

—G. O. Evenson.

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A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

G. LOKEN, Editor, Outlook, Sask.

Letter to Luther Leaguers

Dear Luther Leaguers:

Speaking on behalf of our Moose Jaw Luther League, allow me, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, to extend to all Luther League members, across Canada, the welcome invitation to attend the Luther League convention being held in our city from July 25th to July 28th.

No one has to be told of the common love and fellowship with God and man which is prevalent in all of our Luther Leagues, and it is hoped that this fellowship will be even greater stressed in the huge fellowship meeting where many views will be exchanged and many new friends made.

During our daily meetings we hope to be brought closer and closer together in a bond of union bound by God himself through our devotional periods, social periods and outdoor periods.

And, so, in Jesus' name, may we be seeing all of you in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,
Aubrey Peterson.

Lake Alma and Torquay Parishes
Luther League Spring Rally

May 5th marked another milestone in the activities of the Lake Alma Parish Luther League, S. J. Rude, pastor. The Torquay Leagues were invited to participate and the various Leagues' leaguers contributed towards the rich and inspiring program for the day.

Miss Herberg Roan, president of Lake Alma Willing Workers L.I., presided. Pastor Rude led the opening devotional. The year's theme song, "My God, Accept My Heart This Day," was sung during the sessions. The theme for 1946, "Christ Wants You," was ably and inspiringly developed by Anna Hanson, Olaf Knutson and Milton Rude. The playlet, presenting the various activities of our Youth Project, was presented by a group of Torquay leaguers. Ethel Holt spoke on the Pocket Testament movement and Clara Hanson on the Bible school at Outlook. Pastor Rude presented the Bible camp work and its importance, and Rev. Precht gave the final inspirational message.

Throughout the sessions there were many fine musicals, recitations, solos, duets and two numbers by the Lac Qui Parle choir. We were pleased to have the newly organized Immanuel League with us for the first time and also a group from Estevan. The church was attractively decorated with Luther League posters and a large bulletin displaying the rich variety of Luther League material. One could not help but be impressed by what our church is doing for our youth by seeing what it sends out to our people. Every available space was occupied. The offering for the "Youth For Christ Project" amounted to \$57. Supper was served by the Lake Alma Parish leaguers to all present.

It was indeed a day filled with blessings and challenges coming from these young folks! We should be thankful we have Luther League and Bible camp work among us!

—R.

Attention, P.T.L. Secretaries

You are probably all aware that this year our district Y.P.L.L. convention is held at Moose Jaw, July 25 to 28. To attend our district Luther League convention is an event that will be to you a mountain top experience of rich blessing from the Lord, and one that you will not forget.

I would urge you to make plans now to attend this convention. Even though the schedule is full for our convention this summer, if it is at all

possible, I plan to meet with the P.T.L. secretaries present. Wouldn't it be fine if we were all there?

If there are any Luther Leagues in your circuit who still do not have a P.T.L. secretary, will you urge them to elect such a secretary now? Our aim this year is to have a P.T.L. secretary in every local league. Let us get as close as possible to reaching that goal before our district convention.

Let us keep the theme "Take Time for God" ringing through our every league.

—C. A. H.

S.L.B.I. Seeks to Maintain High Standards

S.L.B.I. seeks to maintain high standards in Christian living, in educational achievement, and in physical development. Every student attending S.L.B.I. is challenged to accept Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. This challenge is brought out in the daily chapel exercises, in the vesper periods, in the Bible studies, and in the Christian Conduct classes. In all the activities at the school, emphasis is upon the Christian way of life. Students are encouraged to read good books and magazines, to devote a part of each day to quiet prayer and meditation. An active Luther League gives opportunity for student participation in speaking and singing the Word. There are strict regulations disallowing attendances at dances, commercial moving pictures and other activities which do not promote growth in the Christian life.

A high standard in educational achievement can be accomplished only through students who are willing and able to work under the direction of a competent staff. Students are offered several options so that they can choose the courses which interest most and which prepare them for their chosen vocation. They are guided in their choice of subjects; individual differences are taken into account. A study period in the evening gives them opportunity to prepare lessons for the following day. Teachers insist on daily assignments being done completely and thoroughly. Frequent tests throughout the year determine the students' ratings and also serve as a stimulus for higher achievement.

To maintain a high standard in physical development, S.L.B.I. has an active sports program for every season. Most of the students participate in one or more of skating, hockey, softball, tennis, swimming. Regulations with respect to lights out at night ensure enough rest and sleep. A competent kitchen staff provides wholesome meals and a well balanced diet. It is recognized that a healthy body is an asset in developing a healthy mind, a pleasing personality, and a strong Christian character.

—M. V. Joel.

L. W. A.

Do you know what the letters L.W.A. stand for? Yes, "Lutheran World Action" is the correct answer. But to me the letters have another meaning also, namely "Leaguers Will Assist". If anyone should be interested in bringing help to the Lutherans in the war torn lands it should be the young people of today. Are we not trying to assist in the re-establishment of the Lutheran Church in Europe? When we take our place as leaders of the church in this country, will we have to look upon a disappearing Lutheran Church in Europe, because we failed to do our part? By no means, "Leaguers Will Assist" and the true Gospel of Salvation will, as a result, continue to be proclaimed throughout the whole world.

—From Swift Current Leaguers' Echo